Adiala jail chief among 12 reshuffled across Punjab

By Mohammad Asghar

RAWALPINDI: Abdul Ghafoor Anjum, Superintendent of Adiala Jail Rawalpindi, was among 12 senior officials of Punjab Prison Department who were reshuffled on Thursday.

Anjum (BS-19) has been transferred to Central Jail Faisalabad, while Sajid Baig (BS-19), superintendent Central Jail Faisalabad, has been appointed as the new superintendent of Adiala Jail.

The notification issued by the Punjab Home Department showed that a total of 12 jail officers across the province have been transferred.

According to the notification, Haq Nawaz (BS-18), superintendent district jail Mandi Bahauddin, has been appointed as Superintendent, District Jail Attock.

Ishtiaq Ahmad Gill, superintendent District Jail Attock, has been suspended and directed to report to the Inspectorate of Prisons, Punjab.

Tipu Sultan, superintendent sub-jail Shujabad, has been posted as Superintendent, District Jail Mandi Bahauddin, and Sohail Nabi Gill as Superintendent, District Jail Lodhran.

Similarly, Aftab Ahmad has been appointed as Superintendent, District Jail Vehari. Imran Naveed Ashraf as Additional Superintendent Central Jail Gujranwala and Ghulam Mohiuddin has been appointed as superintendent Sub-Jail Shujabad.

Furthermore, Saqib Ilahi (BS-17) has been posted as Deputy Superintendent (Development) Central Jail Faisalabad, Yasir Hassan as Deputy Superintendent (Executive) District Jail Toba Tek Singh. Mushtaq Ahmad (BS-17), deputy superintendent (executive) District Jail Toba Tak Singh has been posted as Deputy Superintendent (Judicial), District Jail Faisalabad.

Two brothers sentenced to death for double murder

By Our Correspondent

TAXILA: A model criminal court in Attock on Thursday handed down death sentence to one convict on two counts and his brother one time and imposed fine for their involvement in a double murder case.

The Additional Sessions Judge Nadeem Ahmed Sohail, who conducted the trial in the double murder case, pronounced the two men guilty and convicted them. Capital punishment on two counts was awarded to Karam Khan to death on two counts and ordered him to pay Rs600,000 as compensation to the heirs of the deceased.

According to prosecution details, the incident occurred over a dispute involving land and timber, when accused Karam Khan, along with his brothers and father, brutally murdered his real maternal uncles, Sagheer Ahmed and Muhammad Azam.

Another accused, Hayat Khan, brother of Karam, was also convicted and awarded one death sentence along with Rs300,000 in compensation.

The police sources said that the case was registered at Police Station Saddar Attock, under sections 302/34/336/337-F(v)/337-F(ii) of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC).

The police presented challans in the court for trial. After completing arguments and the presentation of strong evidence and witness testimony, the court has announced its verdict.

PRIME Minister Shehbaz Sharif being briefed about the facilities and services provided at the Pakistan Asan Khidmat Centre in Islamabad on Thursday. — White Star

Foreign medical graduates demand NRE reform as PMDC distances itself

Doctors claim 7,300 appear, only 200 pass, and carbon copies are not provided

By Ikram Junaidi

ISLAMABAD: Representatives of Pakistan Foreign Doctors Medical Graduates Association (PFDMGA) on Thursday urged the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) to implement internationally recognised and transparent examination standards.

They also called for the restoration of delisted universities which are recognised by the World Directory of Medical Schools (WDMS). The association also demanded to withdraw policies that prevented hundreds of doctors from appearing in the National Registration Examination (NRE-2) and called for action against President Dr Rizwan Taj.

The demands were made during a press conference held at National Press Club and addressed by President of PFDMGA Dr Tahir Khan Sikandari, General Secretary Dr Abdul Rehman Gujar, Spokesperson Dr Kifayatullah, Chairman Dr Nauman Umrani, Dr Waqas Akbar, Dr Syeda Fatima, Dr Samar, and Dr Adnan.

Dr Sikandari said that it was unfortunate that 7,300 candidates appeared in the NRE, but only 200 were declared to pass. He said even carbon copies of the answer sheet were not provided due to which questions were arising. Moreover, students of Afghan universities have been stopped from appearing in exams, he claimed.

He warned that they will hold a protest outside PMDC, under the leadership of Young Doctors Association Punjab President Dr Shoaib Niazi, if the issue is not addressed in a week. He demanded that the PMDC should publish detailed marks of all candidates who appeared in the previous NRE-1 examinations so that students can understand their scores, pass percentages, and reasons for failure.

It is worth mentioning that foreign medical graduates who have earned MBBS in language other than English have to clear two steps, NRE, to start house job and get licence to practice in Pakistan. Doctors demanded to issue them provisional registration so that they would start house jobs.

They appealed to the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to take strict action against PMDC. PMDC stance On the other hand, PMDC, in response to the presser, stated that the National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS), Rawalpindi, has been entrusted with the conduct of the NRE to ensure credibility, integrity, and transparency.

"NUMS has been conducting the NRE for the past two years and is responsible for paper setting, compilation, and declaration of final results. The NRE is conducted in two steps, at least twice a year, in accordance with the approved NRE Standards, Structure, and Syllabus, which are available on the official website of PMDC.

The NRE is conducted on the curriculum at par with the MBBS/BDS in Pakistan. The PMDC has no direct role in the paper development, conduct, or result preparation of the NRE examination.

The policy governing NRE results is well-defined. NUMS declares the conduct and results of the examination in a timely manner.

The results of the most recent NRE Step-I have been published on the PMDC website, and detailed marks are available through the official online portal of PMDC as well. The passing criterion for the NRE is 60 per cent, with no negative marking."

"In addition, the PMDC provides candidates with the opportunity to apply for re-totalling of results. For the NRE held in December 2025, only two candidates submitted applications for re-totalling. As the national regulatory authority, PMDC affirms that no discrimination has been exercised at any stage of the examination process.

All procedures are conducted robustly and transparently to ensure fairness, accountability, and alignment with best national and international practices. Any allegations regarding the transparency of the examination are totally baseless," it stated.

"The NRE for foreign medical graduates is a mandatory requirement under an Act of Parliament, aimed at ensuring transparency, standardisation, and quality in medical and dental education and professional practice in Pakistan," the council claimed.

Minister directs to tackle Rawal Lake water contamination

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr Musadik Malik, chaired a high-level meeting to review the water quality situation of Rawal Lake and discuss measures to address contamination concerns.

The meeting was attended by Secretary of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Aisha Moriani, Secretary of the Ministry of Water Resources Syed Ali Murtaza, Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Director General of the Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), Managing Director of Wasa, along with senior officers from relevant federal and provincial ministries and departments, said a press statement issued by the ministry.

During the briefing, the minister was informed about the three major water streams flowing into Rawal Lake, Korang, Lake View, and Jinnah streams. Some of these streams had been contaminated due to the discharge of untreated sewerage from nearby residential areas and planning for the installation of three sewerage treatment plants (STPs) at Simli Road, Bari Imam, and Shadrah was underway to address and eliminate this contamination.

Dr Musadik Malik emphasised that access to clean and safe drinking water was a fundamental right of every citizen. He stated that while the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination did not have direct jurisdiction over water supply and sewerage management, it would extend full facilitation and coordination support to the relevant departments to ensure timely and effective action.

GARBAGE and decaying vegetation blanket the dried bed of Rawal Lake in Islamabad, as birds fly above the shrinking waters on Thursday. — Photo by Mohammad Asim

The federal minister directed EPA and Wasa to conduct comprehensive water quality testing at multiple points along the water inflows to and outflows out of Rawal Lake to accurately identify sources, points, and the extent of contamination.

He stressed the importance of evidence-based interventions, stating that precise data is essential for designing effective remedial measures.

Raising a critical concern, Dr Musadik Malik remarked, "We must ask ourselves whether this is water we are comfortable feeding to our children." The minister further called for strengthened coordination among federal and provincial departments to fast-track the installation of sewerage treatment plants and ensure the provision of clean drinking water to the public at the earliest.

IHC stops CDA from further cutting of trees

Petition says around 30,000 trees cut without any proper justification or following prescribed procedure

By Malik Asad

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday restrained the Capital Development Authority (CDA) from cutting trees in the federal capital until Feb 2 and sought a detailed report on the ongoing tree-felling drive, amid allegations of large-scale environmental damage.

IHC's Justice Khadim Hussain Soomro issued the directives while hearing a petition filed by Mohammad Naveed Ahmad of the Centre for Justice and Rights, which invoked Article 199 (jurisdiction of high court) of the Constitution.

Advocate Muddasir Latif Abbasi appeared as the petitioner's counsel, while Assistant Attorney General Sarfraz Rauf was present on behalf of the state.

At the outset of the hearing, Advocate Abbasi contended that massive tree felling was being carried out across Islamabad in violation of rules and regulations. He argued that the indiscriminate cutting had led to serious environmental changes, posing dangers to public health and ecology, and amounted to a violation of Pakistan Environment Protection Act 1997.

At one point, Justice Soomro summoned the AAG to the rostrum and questioned the government side, asking why trees were being cut despite existing environmental safeguards.

Taking serious notice of the matter, the court ordered the CDA to immediately stop all tree-felling activities until the next hearing.

Notices were issued to the CDA, the Pakistan Environment Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) and the climate change ministry, directing them to submit a detailed "para-wise" response and comprehensive report at the next hearing.

Subsequently, the court adjourned the hearing until February 2.

Recently, a large-scale tree removal drive took place in at least three locations in Islamabad, including around Shakarparian, sparking widespread public criticism.

According to the petition, the actions of the authorities contravened PEPA, the Islamabad Wildlife Ordinance 1979, and the master plan of Islamabad, which designates Shakarparian as a protected green area.

It was asserted that no public hearing was conducted as required under environmental law and that Pak-EPA failed to take timely action.

The petitioner alleged that thousands of mature trees were cut during late 2025 and early 2026, causing what he termed "grave and irreversible environmental harm".

The petitioner urged the IHC to direct the CDA to produce the "official record of the tree-cutting operations in Shakarparian, H-8 and other areas, including who recommended it; who approved it; on what legal or policy basis; and any environmental impact assessments or notifications issued".

He requested the court to fix responsibility for the tree-cutting at the "highest levels" within the CDA, and direct "appropriate and exemplary penal action" under relevant laws, including PEPA and the Pakistan Penal Code 1860.

The petitioner also called for Pak-EPA and the climate change ministry to be held accountable for "not having acting in the matter in time or at all", and for them to face penal action.

The complainant urged the IHC to impose an "immediate ban on the cutting of all trees in Islamabad".

He sought a high-powered judicial commission headed by a retired IHC or Supreme Court judge to investigate the "recent and ongoing violations of the master plan of Islamabad, including unauthorised tree cutting and encroachments", and submit a report with recommendations within 90 days.

The petitioner urged the IHC to order the CDA to "compensate for the cut trees by immediately transplanting mature, grown-up native trees in the affected areas and planting additional new trees of appropriate age and size at a ratio of at least ten for every one tree removed".

The petitioner also sought the establishment of an "impartial, autonomous, and fully empowered body" which would comprise experts, civil society representatives and judicial nominees for approving any future tree-cutting campaigns in cases of "genuine necessity".

Serious concerns were also raised over the construction of a monument in Sector H-8 along the Islamabad Expressway.

The petitioner alleged that hundreds of decades-old native trees were cut for the project without any justification related to pollen mitigation.

He pointed to an apparent lack of transparency in site selection and sought directives to the CDA to justify to the court's satisfaction as to why the monument could not be built in an existing park or public place.

He requested the court to order the CDA to withhold further construction of a new cricket stadium and convention centre until the satisfaction of the IHC or any commission or entity empowered by the court in this behalf.

He also sought a moratorium on "all current and upcoming infrastructure projects in Islamabad until the establishment of an independent oversight mechanism to review and approve such projects in the context of environmental protection and the Master Plan".

BEFORE MRS. NAUSHABA KAZI (JUDGE)
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. III, AT KARACHI
Block-50- Pakistan Secretariat, near Passport Office Saddar, Karachi
SUIT NO. 12 OF 2026

JS Bank Limed, Through its Duly Authorised Officer at its principal office Shaheen Commercial Complex, Dr Ziauddin Ahmed Road. Karachi.....PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

Mr. Arif Hussain S/o **Muhammad Siddique**

House No. B-159 Metrovile I, Site Area Sector 1 Karachi.....DEFENDANT

To,The above named Defendant

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 RS **434,914.12 ALONG WITH COST OF FUNDS TILL THE REALISATION OF THE WHOLE AMOUNT** UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001. balance of principle and markup due to you: you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within 30 days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will he entitled at any time after the expiration of such 30 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS 434,914.12** and sum of Rs.(Not Yet determined) for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits , or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit.

Matter is fixed on 20th day of FEBRUARY 2026 at 9 :00 AM before the Banking Court-III Karachi.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 12th Day of January,2026

BY ORDER
READER
BANKING COURT No. III,
KARACHI

BEFORE:- MRS.NAUSHABA KAZI JUDGE
IN THE BANKING COURT NO.III, AT KARACHI
Block No.50 Pakistan Secretariat Near Passport Office, Saddar ,Karachi
SUIT NO. 10 OF 2026

M/S. J.S BANK LIMITED
Through Its Duly Authorised Officer at its Principal Office, Shaheen Commercial Complex Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed Road Karachi.....PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

MR. UMAIR MUHAMMAD JAWED S/O MUHAMMAD JAWED House No. A/51 5th Portion Street No I/D Gizri Road Delhi Colony Clifton. Karach.....DEFENDANTS

To, **The Abovenamed Defendants**

Whereas the Plaintiff above-named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 **RS 547,399.87 ALONG WITH COST OF FUNDS TILL THE REALISATION OF THE WHOLE AMOUNT** UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001. Balance of principle and markup due to you: you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within **30 days** from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such **30 days** to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS 547,399.87**and sum of Rs.(**Not Yet determined**) for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order.

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